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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

S I R:

Applicants herewith submit a copy of certain pages of a recently issued European Search Report on a counterpart application to that identified above. Also enclosed are a Patent Family Document, copies of the documents listed in the European Search Report and PTO Form 1449.

Most of the documents listed on the European Search Report are Category A (technological background). Three of the documents have been listed in Category Y and one of the Category Y documents has also been listed in Category X. In particular,

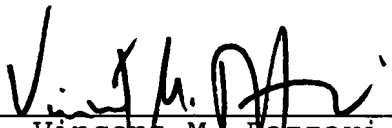
the Category X document cites page 5, lines 7-10, claims 1 and 2 of that document and Figure 1. The two Category Y French specifications respectively cite page 6, lines 12-16, claim 8 and Figures 1, 2, 4, 6, and 7. The other French citation (Groupe A Lepine) cites page 6, lines 21-22, claim 9 and Figures 8 and 9.

The Category X document, EP-A-0 083 703 is believed to correspond or be related to U.S. Patent No. 4,519,101. The two French specifications do not appear from the Patent Family Document to have English language counterparts. The Examiner is invited to consider and enter the enclosed documents into the record for the above identified application.

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